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Kleen Energy Plant Explosion – Update

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Middletown, Connecticut: Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano is releasing additional information concerning the explosion which occurred today at Kleen Energy Plant. A Press Conference is being held with all 1st responders at Woodrow Wilson Middle School, 310 Hunting Hill Avenue in Middletown today at 5:30.

As previously released, a major explosion occurred at approximately 11:30 today. The Mayor reports that this is an active investigation being coordinated by Middletown Police, Connecticut State Police and ATF (Federal Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms).

- Currently the Urban Search and Rescue Team is on site with dogs attempting to locate other victims.
- At least 12 individuals are known injured
- 5 individuals are known dead
- Names cannot be released at this moment. Families of victims have not been notified.
- OSHA is on scene
- Approximately 5 to 7 fire units remain on scene
- Gas explosion the assumed cause. Terrorism has been ruled out.
- Plant was not fully on line; testing was occurring today.
- Multiple contractors were on site – adding to the confusion on the number of employees actually working on site. Contractors are working with authorities on confirming number and names of employees.
- South Fire District – Middletown lead responder. Assistance from Middletown's two other fire companies; Middletown fire district and Westfield Fire assisted. 15 other fire departments responded.
- Multiple Police Departments assisted in the incident.
- Capital Incident Regional Management – District 3 on scene
- CERT – Middletown and Manager responded
- Red Cross has set up a family and victim crisis intervention site at City Hall, 245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown.
- Red Cross has set up a family information hotline number (860)347-2577
- Preliminary reports from local, state and regional assets indicate no immediate health risk to the public.

Tomorrow is estimated to be the earliest that officials will have a better handle on the number of injured and killed in the incident.